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In re Application of:

Yisong Yu, et al

NOVEL LAYERS IN PRINTING
PLATES, PRINTING PLATES AND
METHOD OF USE OF PRINTING
PLATES

Serial No. 10/647,913

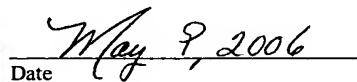
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006,
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the following reasons.

Applicants are appreciative of the indication of allowability of all of the remaining claims except Claims 62-67. It is believed that those claims should also be allowed.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 62-67 have been rejected as unpatentable over the teaching in U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0007751 (Inoue et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action supports the rejection with arguments that Inoue et al. describes a negative-working lithographic printing plate precursor having a hydrophilic support and a heat-sensitive layer containing a thermoplastic particulate polymer that can include pendant carboxy groups, and a hydrophilic